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FOR ADMIRAL SHEAR FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MASS, MOPS, PFOR

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF PORT VISITS

1. TODAY WE ADVISED APPROPRIATE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS OF PLANS FOR USS ROOSEVELT AND USS KALAMAZOO TO VISIT IZMIR, AND THE USS COONTZ TO VISIT KUSADASI FEB 21-26. AFTER SOME CHECKING, A MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT APPROVAL OF THESE VISITS WOULD INVOLVE NOT ONLY A POLITICAL DECISION BUT ALSO A DECISION REGARDING THE SECURITY SITUATION, AND THAT GOT AUTHORITIES CONCERNED WITH SECURITY WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE PREPARED TO RUN THE CURRENT RISK OF SERIOUS ANTI-AMERICAN INCIDENTS AS RESULT OF AID CUT-OFF. WE WERE ACCORDINGLY ASKED NOT TO SUBMIT REQUEST FOR THE VISITS AT THIS TIME.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, I AM CERTAIN THAT THIS IS THE ATTITUDE WE WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH HERE UNLESS AND UNTIL
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THE AID PICTURE

IS CLARIFIED IN A FAVORABLE WAY. WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ARE
HOPEFUL THAT THIS MIGHT BE BROUGHT ABOUT NEAR THE END OF THE
MONTH, AT WHICH TIME WE CAN TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE
PROSPECTS FOR SHIP VISITS HERE.

3. I REGRET HAVING TO SEND A MESSAGE OF
THIS KIND BECAUSE I KNOW THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IT CAUSES
FOR YOU. UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE GOING TO BE FACING A GOOD
MANY OTHERS AS WELL IF THE AID CUT-OFF IS NOT
REVERSED. WARMEST REGARDS.
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